not take the trouble to tell you that if my health would permit, I should most heartily give my exertions to add to [illegible] as I could do so to the interest of a meeting which I consider one of the most important of any that Abolitionists are called to attend.

You will of course have heard of our terrible turmoil here, & the destruction of our beautiful temple of Liberty, almost before it was fairly consecrated. A horrible state of things exist here, but I am in great haste & cannot particularize. Tranquility seems restored this morning, but the feeling of the community is far from right.

In haste,

Your brother for the right.

T. C. Burleigh.

Phila. May 19th. 1838.

C. C. Burleigh.

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Dear Brother Phelps,

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Yours of the 15th inst has this moment come to hand, & I hasten to reply according to your request. I am sorry that I am obliged to contradict your information received in N. Y. in regard to myself, for though it is true that I have returned & that too in somewhat better health than when I left, & in good spirits - yet is very far from true that I am in good health. I shall probably be at the N. E. Convention, for I should be sorry to be absent, but it was my purpose to be a silent member. It would be exceedingly imprudent for me to speak in public now, & if my own opinion were not worth minding in this matter, I could easily give you a remonstrance against any speaking, from every friend I have in this city & the adjacent country. I have spoken during our meetings here, only about half an hour at a time, & only once so long as that, beside which one speech, I did not in all the time of the meetings occupy so much as ~~three minutes~~ half an hour more, yet so hoarse was I made, & so weak did I feel, that I doubt if I shall be entirely free from there effects or even so little exertion, when I reach Boston. Under these circumstances I leave it to yourself to decide whether it would be proper for you even to ask me to speak. I shall